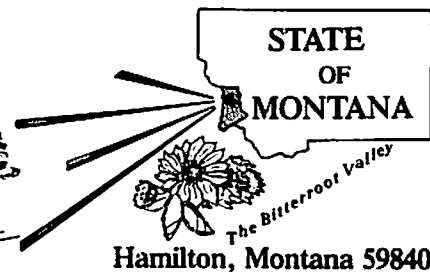
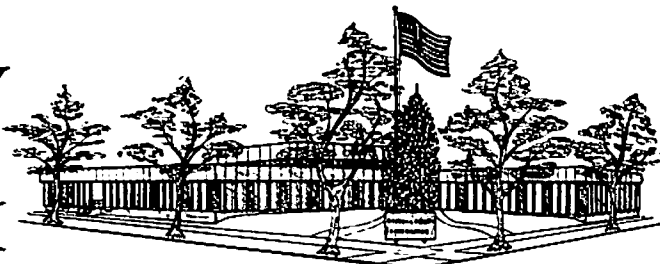


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February 28, 2007

Dwane Kailey
Missoula District Administrator
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PO Box 7039
Missoula, MT. 59807

RE: Letter of Support for Controlled Access Highway and Facility – Florence-East/Project No. 4854

Dear Mr. Kailey;

Please allow this letter to serve as our support in designating the Florence-East Project as a 'controlled access facility'. We understand the importance of access management as it relates to roadside interference. Not only does access management provide safety for our roadway users, but access management helps restrict growth in rural, undeveloped areas which will encourage densification in areas where growth has already occurred and access is available.

Thank you for including us in this integral and important part of our roadway design in Ravalli County. If we can be of further assistance please feel free to contact us at the above number.

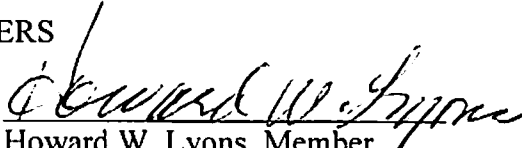
Sincerely,
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